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### The Journal for 1913

During the year 1913 the editor hopes that the JOURNAL may continue at the same standard as it has the past two years. With Mr. Winslow as a co-worker and with the co-operation of the officers and of the other members of the society, the JOURNAL can be made whatever the members desire. As your official organ it is for you to determine its plan and scope.

According to the present working plan the JOURNAL will include fern articles of two sorts, together with news notes of general interest and also a page or more of especial interest to members of the Society. We expect to continue to publish articles of technical scientific merit like those of Mr. Christensen, Mr. Maxon, descriptions of new species, etc. Articles of this sort give the JOURNAL a standing among scientific men and institutions. We want also to publish as heretofore, articles of local and more popular interest. These are after all the kind we most enjoy reading. Every one of us who has ever enjoyed a tramp through woods and fields from pure love of the outdoors enjoys reading about trips of this sort which others have taken.

For articles of both sorts, as also for news, items, etc., the JOURNAL must depend upon the members and friends to contribute. The JOURNAL as the official organ of the Society can have no better function than to publish the kind of articles you like to read and in which you are interested. So send them in. We are all interested in reports of interesting fern tramps; we have all had our own. Who has had the most interesting one? What was your most interesting one?

Since the JOURNAL is yours, and should represent your wishes, let us know what you want. If you see defects, tell us about them, but tell us also how to remedy them.

Destructive criticism alone does not help much and it has been the policy of this JOURNAL since its inception nearly three years ago in 1910, to avoid that type of comment. Of course, however it is planned, the JOURNAL will not please everyone. Some will prefer more technical articles, some fewer of these. If you have a choice, see to it that the kind you like predominates in the copy-drawer. We can publish only what we receive.

Finally, if you approve the plan for 1913 as here stated and as represented in this number, let us know it. We are sure to hear about the flaws.

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The present number of the JOURNAL has been delayed by several causes. Part of the responsibility belongs to the editor. For the rest of 1913, it is hoped that the succeeding numbers may appear earlier each quarter, not later than the middle of the quarter. This can easily be done the rest of the year if the copy for each number is sent in far enough in advance.

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